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(54) Production control system and method for producing air conditioners

(57) An order menu that includes a plurality of specifications in respective functional blocks, into which a customized product is divided into, is provided from a factory through Internet. A customer selects a required specification from the order menu to determine the cus-

tomized product. Based on data input through the order menu, material arrangement and directions for production can be dealt with on line, and data on the customized product are shared between the customer and a manufacturer.

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